Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16th 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of September 23rd

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Theme: *How do we use what God has given us?*

Question for Children: Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. As a young person, having money is important, but how can you make faith a priority and balance it with your need for money?

Question for Adults: Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

Monday, September 17th
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Ed Hausmann
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 18th
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
No Daily Liturgy – Fr. Mark's Day Off
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 19th
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
5:30 p.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – "Build a Better Sunday" Whole Parish Meeting

Thursday, September 20th
Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr, Saint Paul Chong Hasang, Martyr, and their companions, Martyrs
1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Charles Blaha
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, September 21st
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For Oliver Wieczorek
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours

Saturday, September 22nd
1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Darlene Maher
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Community

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Marlys Sears*
Altar Servers: *Joe Schulte, Jessica Schacher, Celena Sass*
Blood: *Bob Sass, Jan Schurman, Carol Conway, Ken VanAsma*
Body: *Kathy VanAsma*
Lectors: *Bob Sass, Tony Berendse*
Sacristans: *Erik & Estela Haakedahl*
Ushers: *Dennis & Judy Olson*
Choir: *Folk Group*

Sunday, September 23rd
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Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Darvin Weiger
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Kevin Chamberlain, Dane Schroeder, Hannah Schroeder*
Blood: *Dean & Mary Antonsen, Jerry Silbernagel, Cathy Wang*
Body: *Walt Wilson*
Lectors: *Teresa Thompson, Donna Boner*
Sacristans: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Ushers: *Tom VanAsma, John Wang*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Peter Hausmann
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Megan & Gina Czmowski, Jacqui Osnes*
Blood: *John Usera, Joni Osnes, Jim & Barb Scherr*
Body: *Bernadette Usera*
Lectors: *Jim Scherr, Joni Osnes*
Sacristans: *The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Family Choir*

Congratulations to Ben & Regina Roller who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Sparks from Fr. Mark

Again I am fortunate to write in the Sparks column!

I want to take this opportunity to tell you about the Youth Ministry Certificate that Sr. Joan Tetrault and I are studying for. We just completed our third class in Omaha. This was our third class out of eight; we will have two in the fall and two in the spring over the time frame of two years. With each of the courses we take, we have homework to complete in order to receive our certificate. We are also required to read two books for our most recent class, called "Principles of Youth Ministry." The first book is *Renewing the Vision, A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* and the second one is *Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry*. Our church library has a copy of *Renewing the Vision* and I encourage you to check it out.

I do get energized when I attend these classes and want to bring everything I learned home and share it with you!

One of the things I learned is that the old adage is true, "It takes a village to raise a child." Last year we had over two hundred children and youth, grades K-12, in our program. There is no way one or two people can form all of those faith lives! I am just a Coordinator of Youth Ministry, but ALL of you are Youth Ministers. If you are an usher and you smile and say hello to those youth walking through the door, then you have created a welcoming environment, and that is a very important part of Youth Ministry. Being a witness to Christ is also an important element, so every time our youth see you attending and participating in Mass, you are taking part in Youth Ministry.

Sr. Joan and I are coordinating some opportunities for our Middle and High School youth to grow more in their faith. The first will be Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for Middle School students, grades 6-8. The next is Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for High School students.

We encourage any volunteers from our "village" to help with these events. If you are interested please call me in the office at 787-5168, or email me at teresa@olbh.org.

Teresa Thompson
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Prayer List

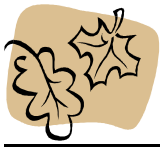
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Helen Barber, Mary Jane Pulaski, Darren Eckstein, Father Dick McCaslin, Mary Kay Young, Ron Eliason, Joe Creek
Repose: Faith Albrecht, Beatrice Usera, Peter Hausmann

Stewardship

September 8th & 9th 2007

Loose	$1,728.50
Envelopes	$1,953.00
Votive	$8.15
Student	$46.53
Guatemala Coffee	$129.00
Directories	$30.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$30.00
Campaign for Human Development	$140.00
Building Fund	$150.00
Total	$4,215.10



It's RCIA Time Again!

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Or are you a Catholic who still needs to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or First Communion? We welcome you to an RCIA orientation and information meeting in the OLBH library Sunday, September 23rd, at 8:30 a.m.

Middle School Catholic Youth Rally

For Grades 5-8, October 14th in Belle Fourche. Early Bird registration is $25.00. This includes two meals and a t-shirt. Teresa Thompson and Sr. Joan will be chaperoning and driving any youth who are interested in attending. Please call the parish office at 787-5168 to register.

We Need Your Recipes!

We know there are many good cooks out there and we are waiting for your recipes! You may enter them online at www.typensave.com, type your name, login: **olbh** password; **ptn59**, then select "add recipe" on the left hand side, and enter your recipe as indicated. Or… you may turn in your recipes to the parish office by Sunday, September 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Lorinda Collings, 787-5623, Cathleen Denekamp 787-6398, or Teresa in the parish office, 787-5168.

Consider joining a small faith sharing group this Fall. Share your faith and witness to others as you grow spiritually. RENEW begins again the week of October 8 and will continue for six weeks, ending on November 17, just before Advent. Groups of five to twelve individuals will meet once a week for about an hour and a half to read and reflect on scripture, and share how that scripture applies to their lives. You are welcome to join even if you were not involved during the previous seasons. The groups are flexible and meet at times and places convenient to the participants. Look for more information regarding how to sign up for Renew.

Bereavement Support Group "Heal Your Grief"

This is an eight-week inter-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24th** at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Do you know someone who is suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion? There is hope—they are not alone! A Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend is an opportunity to renew spirits by transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. Women and men of all faiths are welcome to attend. A retreat will be held October 5-7 in Rapid City. To register, contact Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Women's Bible Study

The women of Blessed Sacrament invite all women young and not so young to join us for another year of Tuesday morning Bible studies. We will have two groups. Julie Bernard will help us dig into the Sunday scripture readings, learn what they mean, and how they impact our lives. Jennifer Hovdenes will lead the second group through the book of Revelations with the help of the "Great Adventure" Bible study series by Jeff Cavins. There is no charge for the Sunday reading group, but the Revelations group will have a fee for study materials. Child care will be provided. There will be an information meeting Tuesday, September 11th at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Classes will start Tuesday, September 18th. Please call Julie at 721-8833 or Jennifer at 716-7634 with any questions.

Ladies, Mark Your Calendars!

Back by popular demand, Sr. Marie Schwan will direct this year's Diocesan Women's Retreat, ***Women at the Well***, October 19-21, 2007. To register, or for more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541, or you may e-mail Kathy at kcordes@diorc.org.

Veni Si Amas Fall Retreat

For single Catholic women, 17-30 years of age. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, whose motto is "Seeking to make Christ's merciful love visible." The retreat will be held at the St. Francis Convent in Alton, IL, November 9-11. To register, go to www.altonfranciscans.org.

Oktober-Zest Music-Fest and Quilt Raffle

Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church, **Saturday October 6th at 7:00 p.m.** Music and entertainment provided by String-Tied Band; Donley Hewett, Poet; Coull Band; Domenic Valades, Soloist; Quartet from Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church; and Alex & Zac. No charge to attend, but donations will be accepted. A quilt raffle will be held and the drawing for the winner will be after the Music Fest. You need not be present to win. For more information or to purchase tickets for the quilt raffle, please contact the church office at 787-5588.

Faithful Citizenship

Full cooperation should take place between public and private organizations to bring about the elimination of sexual exploitation. Collaboration is also needed with social communication media in order to ensure correct information on this extremely serious problem. The Church would like to see the presentation and application of laws that protect women from the evil of prostitution and people trafficking, and it is also important that it does its utmost to achieve effective measures against humiliating portrayals of women in advertising.

Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road, Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. June 2007, no. 106. www.zenit.org/ (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home

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Scripture

- They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it. (Ezekiel 32:8)
- My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. (Psalm 51:19)
- Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:14)
- He squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. (Luke 15:13)

Reflection

- What are the molten calves of today? How do you spend your time and earnings? What is most important to you?
- How do material possessions confuse the prodigal son and his brother?
- How does the prodigal son's consumption of his inheritance prophesy the modern consumer society?
- What does God ask? (hint: Psalm 51)
- What does God provide? (see Timothy)

"It means that humanity is eternal and that death, which used to frighten us so much and painfully dominate our existence, is now explained, understood, taken captive and conquered. Our dying to earth is a progressive emergence from the womb of matter and history, so that we may gradually acquire the stability of the Kingdom and full communication with God." (Carlos Carretto, *Selected Writings*, 145-146).